



# NEWSLETTER



## SUMMER TERM 6 2021

Dear Parents

Welcome to the final newsletter of this academic year and for some of you, your last one at Pumpkins. This is always an exciting term but one mixed with sadness too as we prepare to say goodbye to lots of our older children as they move on to school. Our time with them is fleeting but I hope that we have made an impression in their young lives that will stand them in good stead for the future.

Staffing Update

You may have noticed that Shelley has not been around this last week – she is currently off recovering from an operation, but we hope that she will be back with us soon and we all wish her a speedy recovery. We also had to say an unexpected farewell to Michelle for personal reasons and we wish her the very best for the future. We are currently recruiting for a vacancy in the Toddler Room but have Tiona, (pictured right) helping us out at the moment whilst she is on her summer break from college where she is studying for her Level 3 in Social Care.



We will also be welcoming Sky back for part of the summer, who by then will have completed her teacher training and will be working with us before finding a permanent teaching role. How time flies! Finally, Anna (pictured left) will be working between Badminton and Sherston until September when we finally decide which nursery, she will settle in. Anna is a qualified PE and swimming instructor and ran many of the children's swimming sessions at Westonbirt Leisure Centre before joining us to start a new career in childcare.



Lets hope that we will get the opportunity to meet before we say goodbye for the summer and I look forward to a more normal year next year where we can all begin to live life normally again!

Best Wishes

Amanda Wallis

### Luckington Pre-School Update



We have now received our Ofsted Registration and plans are well underway for the opening of our fourth nursery in Luckington in September.

We are still hoping that some more of you might like to transfer to Luckington in September as Badminton is already totally full for the year and this leaves little flexibility for booking ad hoc additional sessions or for meeting the demand of continuing enquiries. If you live in or around Luckington, or anticipate that this is where your child may go to school and would like to find out more, please do get in touch by emailing Amanda:

[enquiries@pumpkinsnursery.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@pumpkinsnursery.co.uk)

We will shortly be confirming our staff team at Luckington which I know may influence some moves!



Welcome to the following children who have joined us new this term or are about to as we enter our summer holiday period. We hope you will be very happy at Pumpkins!

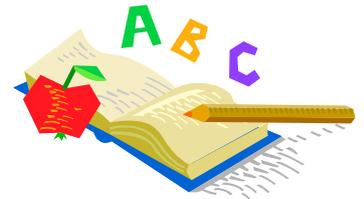
Toddler Room: Lottie Fergus George Oscar Ottolie

Pre-School: Henry



# Goodbye and Good Luck!

We wish a fond farewell to our leavers at the end of this term as they prepare for their exciting journey to school. We hope you have all enjoyed your time at Pumpkins and will take some happy memories of us with you – Good luck to you all in your new schools:



Trinity Ellis Florence W Ophelia Teddy Pepper	Leighterton Florence N Harry Imogen Oliver
Luckington Gabby Pearl	By Brook – Yatton Keynell Ezra H Gabriel
Sherston Corey	Raysfield – Yate Kaylah
Hawkesbury Ezra D	



## Pumpkins Leavers' Performance Goldilocks and the Three Bears

### Thursday 15 July - 10am

This will be open to ALL pre-school children who would like to take part and the performance will be professionally filmed to share with parents afterwards.



## Pre-School End of Year Party in the Main Hall

(Toddlers will have their own little party in the Toddler Room)

### Wednesday 21 July

### 10.30 – 1pm

If your child does not normally attend nursery on a Wednesday, you can book them in for the party from 10.30am at a cost of £10 or alternatively just bring them along to the picnic lunch – Please book through Marie

and

**maybe - only if Boris says we can!**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FAMILY PICNIC FROM**

**12 noon onwards** on the playing field.

(Weather permitting/ Road Map permitting )



We will only be able to do this outside so if the weather is rubbish, we will just have to accept that it was not meant to be, but the children will still get a good send off!

# TERMLY OVERVIEW

## Pre-School

As we begin our month of the academic year, we need to prepare ourselves to say goodbye to many of our pre-school children as they prepare to start school. It's always a bittersweet time for the staff team as many of us have looked after them since they were babies and goodbyes are never easy for us. As we can't cuddle them forever, we wish instead to help prepare them as best we can for their school adventure and will therefore focusing on "school readiness" as this term.

The most important thing we can do for your children at this time, will not be learning how to write their name or count to 20 but instead will be promoting their self-confidence, resilience and emotional well-being. Our activities aim to provide support and encouragement for all our children including purposeful circle time sessions where the children are not only sharing news but developing their social maturity, interacting with others, being significant and practicing their concentrating skills. For our school leavers we will be focusing on some of the physical factors such as putting on their own clothes and shoes along with using zips or buttons and this is something that can be practiced at home. For our younger children, they will also benefit from identifying their own clothing and trying to do things for themselves. We will be having fun with games that help the children follow rules, develop patience and take turns.



Now that we can safely manage messy play, we can play with dough which builds up strength in their hands developing muscles for fine motor skills. We will be preparing for some sports activities along with our end of year performance, so lots to look out for.

We will also be taking part in the 30 Days

Wild 2021 Wildlife Trust challenge, which is 30 simple, fun and random acts of wildness that raises the children's awareness of how to help wildlife, locally and globally.

Here are some ideas for you to do at home:

- Give your children plenty of time to practice getting themselves dressed and undressed.
- Share lots of stories and ask your child questions about what they think it happening on the page. Can they predict what might happen next?
- Go for a number or letter hunt in your local area.



Cheryl and the preschool team

## Toddlers

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This term the toddlers are focusing on all things summer. We will be enjoying lots of water activities enhancing the play with different colours and smells.

We will be exploring the Pumpkins beach, digging, pouring, filling and emptying. Maybe we will even find some buried treasure!

As we play, we will be singing lots of our favourite songs such as "the sun has got his hat on" and "I do like to be beside the seaside"

We will be enjoying a summer picnic and maybe even an ice cream.

Home links:

If you have any Photos of your child enjoying the sunshine. perhaps at the beach or playing in the garden could you load one to your child's tapestry so we can look at it with them and their friends.



Shelley and the Toddler Team

Dates for your Diary



**SUMMER TERM 6 2021**  
Monday 7 June – Wednesday 21 July

**AUTUMN TERM 1 2021**  
Thursday 2 September – Friday 22 October 2021

Term dates and Nursery Closure dates are on our website :  
<http://www.pumpkinsnursery.co.uk/our-settings/pumpkins-badminton/>